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WASHINGTON, FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 13, 1909.

PRICE ONE CENT.

MAKES FINAL PLEA TO CLEAR NAME OF

Attorney Davis for Mother and Sister Denounces First Inquiry.

HIS VERBAL WRATH

Reviews Case From Midnight Fight To Present Hearing at

mother of the boy whose suicidewhile six defendant young officers, resplendent in their uniforms, sat unmoved and restless by turns, and while every one in a crowded naval except that which had to be, and ev- days, Friday the 13th court room eagerly drank in his every word, Henry E. Davis, attoreffort to prove that Lieut. James 1. Sutton did not take his own life, eloquently, unsparingly, and almost vindictively, pleaded before the naval inquiry board today.

scathing denunciation, during which he pointed an accusing finger at the men who were with Sutton when he died, to the tenderest touches of pathos as he asked consideration for a weeping mother.

BATTERIES OF WRATH. on Lieut. Robert E. Adams especially, Mr. Davis turned the batteries of his verbal wrath.

"The first person to show fight on this tragic night was Second Lieut. R. E. Adams, United States save one, that John O. Wilson, who Marine Corps, who stripped himself for the fray," exclaimed the speaker, leaning across the table and giving the witness a withering look. "Adams the next day took his blood-stained garments to the laundry and this statement remains unattacked before this court."

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The hurriedness of the first in quest, called, as he described it, "almost on the tap of a drum," EMPRESS MAY START was such a procedure, Mr. Davis said, that he could not trust himself to speak his feelings.

Reads Boy's Letters.

Again, in a manner that affected the most heartless in the court room and moved many to tears, he read a portion of Sutton's last letter to his mother and one to his younger brother, Don, in which he had warned him. "Cross fail to keep your word. Don't tell a lie for the best man or woman alive." Attorney Birney, who is to sum up ing the speech of Davis, and Adams which his slow death is being encom-

all of the old faces in the big throng to the left of the long witness table, and many new ones, including those of a good-sized Washington contingent. The defendant young officers took

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WEATHER REPORT.

The indications are that the weather will be unsettled East of the Mississippi river during tonight and Saturday, and showers are probable in the upper Lake region, the Ohio valley, southern New England, and the middle Atlantic and south Atlantic and east Guifates.

The winds along the New England coast will be moderate northeast and east, except light variable on the Maine coast; on the middle Atlantic coast light to moderate northeast and east; on the south Atlantic and coast Guif coasts light variable.

FORECAST FOR DISTRICT.
Unsettled weather with probably showers tonight or Saturday; moderate temperature; light to moderate variable winds, mostly east and northeast.

TEMPERATURES. SUN TABLE.

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 5:57 a. m.; 6:37 p. m.
Low tide, 12:45 a. m.;

Tomorrow—High tide, 6:50 a. m.; 7:27
p. m. Low tide, 12:52 a. m.; 1:33 p. m. CONDITION OF THE RIVERS. HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Aug. II Both of the rivers are clear today.

Moldings 1 Cent a Foot. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. Ave.

FRIDAY THE 13TH THIS; MAKES ALL THE GLOOM

Rabbit's Feet and Other Talismans Are At a Premium, for This Surely Is the Hoodoo Day-Even Police Court Is Sad Beyond the Usual.

It was early this morning. The Government clerk was about to carried it in a safe place all day long. leave for his daily toil. He gave his Friday has not been an unlucky day wife a tender, lingering kiss, as though he was about to go on a long journey. He left home half an hour early, so he could walk to the office and avoid day, as did also the civil war. The he could walk to the office and avoid riding in the street cars. He looked up and down every street before crossing. He stepped out his own door, right foot first. His right foot was first to be placed outside his gate. He always stepped down into the street and up onto the sidewalk with his right foot first. He picked up every pin he saw. He had the left hind foot of a graveyard rabbit in his left-hand vest pocket, a four-leaf clover m his right-hand vest pocket, and as he walked out of his house he spat three times over his left shoulder. Also he kept his fingers crossed all day, as did also the civil war. The American army ook possession of the Philippines, August 13, 1898, and it was on Friday, April 19, that the two houses on Friday. April 19, that the two houses on Friday, April 19, that the two hou ON YOUNG OFFICERS ing. He stepped out his own door, right foot first. His right foot was first By THEODORE H. TILLER.

ANNAPOLIS, Aug. 13.—As the today is FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH. The man who observes things declares Stained memory is on trial, sat with it to be a pretty safe bet that no en bowed head and tear-dimmed eyes, terprise has been started today, and that none will be. Even the street cars were almost afraid to start this morn-

influence over everything and every-body this morning. Nothing was done

erybody that has a good luck charm n American history, however, and the thirteenth has been a fairly lucky day.

breach of etiquette passed unrebuked.

In Judge Aukam's court but one lonely prisoner sat in the dock, apparently indifferent to his fate. Lawyers forgot to demand a retainer. Judge Aukam did not appear until nearly an hour after the regular hour of convening court. Everyone felt this appaiing gloom, but none could explain its couse, until the judge casually asked what day it was. "Friday the 13th." was the reply, and the spell was broken. Everyone understood then the reason for the unnatural gloom; it was the unlucky day of all days, Friday the 13th.

ney for Mrs. James I. Sutton, in her effort to prove that Lieut, James 1. BUCKET SHOP CASES NEXT ENCAMPMENT

The plea ran the gamut from District Attorney Drops All Missouri City Leads in Cam-Except Indictments Against J. O. Wilson.

President Taft's action in pardoning Percy Wade, of the firm of Wade & Hedges, who was charged with running a bucket shop, has led the District At-Upon all of the participants in torney to drop proposed prosecutions the midnight campus fight and up- against Hedges and other firms. The cases which were nolle prossed this morning include charges brought against the firm of Chesley & Spence, Frank Kane, and Allison C. Jenkins. This disposes of all the bucket shop cases on the District Attorney's docket save one, that being an indictment re-

REVOLT IN ABYSSINIA

Dying King Menelik's Wife Is Defiant Toward New

Regent.

ROME, Aug. 13.-Ras Tesama, the new regent of Abyssinia, has demanded hades on a rotten log, Don, before you the custody of King Menelik from Empress Taltu, according to messages received today from Addis Abeba. The demand bears out the recent reports this afternoon, took copious notes dur- that Menelik is a victim of a plot by

seemed inclined to attack the correctness of the quotations of the Sutton attorney, but Davis would retort with a testimony page reference.

Verbal Pyrotechnics.

The day had been forecasted as one of verbal pyrotechnics, so the court room habitues came early and drank in every word. There were practically all of the old faces in the big throng

MAY BE AT ST. LOUIS

Former Governor Samuel R. Van Sant, of Minnesota, was elected commander-in-chief yesterday afternoon by a large majority over Judge William A. Ketcham, of Indiana. Governor Van Sant is a native of Illinois, and served in the Ninth Illinois Cavalry during the civil war. Mrs. Jennie L. Berry, of Des Moines, was elected president of the Women's Relief Corps. The other officers of the G. A. R. chosen were William M. Bostaph, of Ogden, senior vice commander-in-chief; Judge Alfred Beers, of Bristol, Conn., junior vice commander-in-chief, and W. H. Lemon, of Lawrence, Kan., surgeon general.

The Philippine Veserans, alse in session here, elected the following officers: Commander, Col. C. L. Jewett, New Albany, Ind.; junior vice commanders, Major W. H. Anderson, Manila, Philippine Islands; Capt. F. W. Latliner, Former Governor Samuel R. Van any, Ind.; junior vice commanders, or W. H. Anderson, Manila, Philipse Islands; Capt. F. W. Latimer, esburg, Ill.; Major Charles A. How-South Dakota; F. E. Krembs, St. J., Minn.; Ntcholas W. Muller, New K.; paymaster, W. B. Brown, Chib; judge advocate general, Capt. W. Keating, Ohio; chaplain, Samuel J. th, Nineteenth United States Intry.

ADMIRAL THOMSON DIES AT SEATTLE

Retired Naval Officer Born in Washington-End Comes After Long Illness.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 13.-Rear Adretired, after a long illness, died here today at the Providence Hospital.

"HIRE A HALL" IS ORDER FROM COMMISSIONERS

District Rulers Decide That "Singing, Dancing, Shouting, and Exhorting" Must Await Permission of Neighbors-Police Regulations Amended.

ceased to be a joke, An injunction very much like that

tions provides that.

"No vacant lot, temporary structure purtenant to any building in the District of Columbia shall be used, or permitted by the owner or person in control thereof, to be used for any kind of amusement, performance, singing, playing of musical instrument, dancing, preaching, or exhorting or lecturing without first obtaining the consent in -Advt.

The old by-word, "Hire a hall" has writing of three-fourths of the residents

of a church in Fifteenth, between L and M streets.

"That they could have music in plenty without the brass horns is a perfectly evident fact," writes Mr. Chase. "Since I can hear their string instruments more than 100 yards from the performers, but the spirit of the colored band is, I submit, not to make music but to see who can blow loudest. The consequence is there is no possibility of sleep at my place until they see fit to cease dancing."

Pretty Mantels, Any Style, \$2.50. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. Ave.

WILLARD MAKES RECORD FLIGHT IN CURTISS AERO

Aviator Passes Entirely Over Three Towns Without Mishap to Machine.

SCENE OF FLIGHT IS ROUGH COUNTRY

Mark Does Not Equal Orville Wright's, As No Passenger Is Carried on Trip.

MINEOLA, L. I., Aug. 13 .- In a cross country flight that is said to have exin dangerous country traversed, C. F. Willard, flying in Glenn Curtiss' Rea Bug biplane today sailed twelve miles in 191/2 minutes,

In his wonderful flight, Willard passed entirely over three towns, across five sets of telegraph wires, passed over eight country roads and made three circles of the Motor Parkway.

Traverses Hilly Country. Willard's cross-country flight is all the more remarkable because he did not circle around on a smooth parkway, but traversed a hilly country, passed over houses and stores and kept his machine under perfect control. The French cross ountry flight record is better than Wil-

lard's, but it was across an immense ain which Wilbur Wright declares "is smooth as one's hand." Aeronauts of the Aero Club, of New fork, which owns the machine in which Willard flew, declare his flight over towns and houses shows the remark-

paign—Former Gov. Van

Sant Is Commander.

Salt Lake City, Aug. 13.—It looks like St. Louis would be selected as the meeting place for the next annual encampment of the G. A. R. Atlantic City, N. J., the other aspirant, does not want the encampment in August, and the veterans do not care to set the date in any other month.

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Salt Is Commander.

Willard ascended from Mineola at 5:20 in a light breeze, and made a couple of turns over Hempstead Plains. He did not know the country about him, and had made no preliminary examinations, but simply headed toward Garden City, over which he passed at a height of 150 feet. Then he turned and sped toward Garden City, and a head of the carried and the salt plant of 150 feet. Then he turned and sped toward Garden City, and the first plant of 150 feet. Then he turned and sped toward Garden City, and a head made no preliminary examinations, but simply headed toward Garden City, over which he passed at a height of 150 feet. Then he turned and sped toward Garden City, and a head made no preliminary examinations, but simply headed toward Garden City, over which he passed at a height of 150 feet. Then he turned and sped toward Garden City, and the first planting of the Grant of the

Has Perfect Control. His machine was under perfect con trol. There were woods and houses be low him at all stages and a descen

would have been practically impossible The descent was made fifteen feet from the place where he ascended.
Willard declared immediately after the flight that he had intended remain ing in the air longer, and to break a ing in the air longer, and to break a record if possible, but that when over Ficksville he felt his magneto working badly and as there was no safe place for him to land, he thought it best to return to a landing place before the magneto got into serious trouble.

Willard is using the machine with which Glenn Curtiss first broke the American 1908 record by remaining up fifty-three minutes.

Won't Fly Today.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 13 .- Dr. Francis Meyers, Hammon's port aeroplane he will engage, it became known today, in the laborious task of codifying the

Read Admiral Thomson was born in Washington in 1841. He married Maud Spurgeon, of New York, in 1898. After serving through the civil war, Thomson was appointed acting assistant paymaster in 1865. He gradually was promoted until after his appointment as pay director in 1902, he retired with the rank of rear admiral. and unless Secretary Meyer opposes the department will advertise, in the near future, for bids for two aeroplanes.

Specifications have been drawn up for the sort of bi-plane, generally speaking, the department wants, and while, of urse, the purchase of two nachines will be but a small step, it is probably the first in a series which may lead to that eminence where every battleship shall be equipped with a bi-plane-its scout, with an air-cruising radius of forty or

A machine like that which the Signal Corps has acquired, which can go better than forty miles an hour, would be inwriting of three-fourths of the residents in the block where the same is to be conducted; and in the block or blocks confronting the said block; nor shail

to the police regulations.

Hereafter if you want to "sing, dance, exhort, preach, play a musical instrument or lecture" on a vacant lot or in a temporary building, it will be necessary to get the written consent of three-fourths of the neighbors.

This action was taken today following complaints by Walter Allen, of 1434. B street southeast, and George S. Chase, of Fifteenth and L streets northwest, concerning the noise made by colored residents of their respective neighborhoods.

The amendment to the police regulations provides that.

Confronting the said block; nor shail the same be conducted after 10 o'clock at hight or in a manner to disturb the peace or quiet of the neighborhood within any of the blocks mentioned."

The penalty provided is a line of from a transfer to place on the bi-planes immense searchlights even at night such scouts would be able to detect the coming of an enemy's fleet. The launching of a bi-plane from a warnet nights such scouts would not be particularly difficult, but the landing would present sent in his neighborhood are continued "until litim or 22 midding the said block; nor shail the same be conducted after 10 o'clock at hight or in a manner to disturb the peace or quiet of the neighborhood within any of the blocks mentioned."

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today and will attempt to beat his brother's record of last year.

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DR. WU WILL CODIFY LAWS OF THE EMPIRE



MINISTER WU TING-FANG

RECALL IS THOUGHT TO MEAN PROMOTION LEAVES 12 BUILDINGS

Is a Well-Known Diplomat.

When Dr. Wu Ting-fang, twice minister from China to the United States, the most popular members of the Diplomatic Corps here, returns to Peking to answer the recall of the foreign office, this morning.

the imperial government has adopted for its diplomatic representatives.

Dr. Wu, after his recall from the ministry to this country in 1302, spent several years in the codification of the laws of the empire. Since the whole system of Chinese jurisprudence, however, is to be modernized in conformity to some extent, at least, to Wes'crn standards, it is an immense work and requires the time and intelligence of China's best men.

Reports that Dr. Wu's recall is due, partially at least, to the downfall of Yuan Shai-Kai, his great personal friend, or that the former's well-known friendliness toward Americans and Am-

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FIRE IN MILTON, DEL.

Successor, Chang Yin-Tang, Practically Entire Town of 2,000 Wiped Out by Flames.

> DOVER, Del., Aug., 13.-monton, a town of 2,000 inhabitants, on the Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia Railroad, in the upper part of Sussex county, was destroyed by fire about 2 o'clock

> The cause of the fire is unknown. It spread rapidly, and was practically beyond control quarter of an hour after the alarm was sounded. Only twelve residences of the 300 buildings of the

inventor, is convinced, he says, that Friday, the 13th, is no day to attempt the initial flight of an aeroplane. In a large barn on the Kensington road, half a mile from the city limits, he has been grooming his machine for a flight. But the hoodoo accompanying the day rulned his hopes. When the machine was being taken out of the barn, one of the wings was so badly torn flight today was impossible.

NAVY MAY ADVERTISE

FOR AEROPLANE BIDS

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Following up the lead in avlation which the United States Signal Corps has gained upon other nations through its possession of the Wright aeroplane, the best heavier-than-air machine in the world today, the Navy Department of the United States wants to have in the Indian in the Will and the limperial government has adopted for its diplomatic representatives.

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The state Department w The entire business section of the town, including the banks, principal business houses, stores, and public buildings were all blazing fiercely by the time the citizens were aroused from their slumbers by the general alarm. Firemen found that the engines and apparatus had been cut off Yen by the rapid and fierce march of the flames, and though there was plenty of water and help, there was nothing

When the last ember in the mass of ruins had been quenched by a downpour of rain late this evening, the loss was estimated at reaching nearly a quarter of a million dollars. It is said there is only about \$20,000 insurance. While fighting against the fire, Post-

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 13 .- John N. and Paul F. Bagley, today after carefully going over the ruins of their big tobacco manufactory, which burred last night, declared the damage would | total about \$100,000.

GIRL TRIES SUICIDE TWICE IN ONE MONTH

Young Woman From Baltimore Insists on Ending Life Before Submitting to Necessary Operation. Uses Gas in Lodging House.

For the second time within two months a minor detail.

Secretary Meyer, it is believed, will not oppose the plan for providing the department with bi-planes, since he was an enthusiastic follower of the Wright maneuvers at Fort Meyer.

BEACHY UNDAUNTED

BY NARROW ESCAPE

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 13.—Undaunted by his narrow escape from death, Hillery Beachy, the young aviator, is repairing his dirigible airship today and will attempt to beat his brother's record of last year.

A Whole Window Glazed \$1.00.

For the second time within two months and a few months ago operation her leg has given her considerable trouble. Other treatment failed to remedy this and a few months ago operation. Mrs. Hodges are house at 50 clock this morning in her room on the second floor of a lodging house at 622 Pennsylvania avenue, unconscious from the effects of inhaling illuminating gas. The window and door of her room were closed and gas was flowing from a jet. She was taken to Emergency Hospital, and there it is said she will recover. She is still too weak to talk. Mrs. Hodges is twenty-six years old. Several years ago her leg was amputated just below the knee. Since the structure of the world with a hospital in this city. The operation was deferred in respect to Mrs. Hughes' wishes, but it is shought that the necessity for one providing the department with bi-planes, since he was told that she must undergo an operation. Mrs. Hodges declared she would again submit to the surgeon's would kill herself before she would submit to the surgeon's would kill herself before she would submit to the surgeon's would will herself before she would submit to the surgeon's would all herself before she would submit to the surgeon's would kill herself before she would submit to the surgeon's he would and the erible trouble. Other treatment failed to remedy this and a few months ago operation. Mrs. Hodges declared she would submit to the surgeon's he would submit to the surgeon's he would was a few mouths ago operation. Mrs. Hodges was defeated she woul

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Saturdays and Sundays via Pennsylvania Rallroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited."—Adyt.

FOLLOWING SPEECH

Attack on Ballinger to Be Rebuked, Say Friends Close to Taft.

CLASH REGRETTED BY ADMINISTRATION

Friends of President Fear His Policy Will Be Misinterpreted By the Public.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 13.—The President takes no stock in the widely published reports that Secretary of the Interior Ballinger should be forced from the Capinet.

Thus far, Mr. Taft stands squarely behind the Secretary of the Interior in his claim that the policy of conservation should be furthered according to the law and not by such generous constructions of the statutes that the courts may later overthrow the work in this manner.

PINCHOT THROWS GAUNTLET. More and more the opinion is forming here that Gifford Pinchot, in his drastic criticisms of the methods of this Administration, has thrown down the gauntlet to the Taft regime in such a manner that his official head will pay the penalty. It is a fact beyond question that the situation will result in the dismissal of either Pinchot or Ballinger, and it is equally a fact now that Mr. Taft contem-

plates no dismissal of Ballinger. Pinchot's Friends Active. News has reached here that Pinchot's rlends are actively in the field with charges against Ballinger that he has not furthered the cause of conservaas he should have done. has also come to Beveriy that an ef-fort would be made to dislodge Ballinger because he was an attorney for the Cunningham group of coal claims in Alaska, after he had been Commissioner of the Land Office under Roose

Several months ago the President in dorsed Mr. Ballinger's policy of going only so far in the matter of conservation as the statutes allowed. It was with the approval of the President that tor of the Geological Survey to make a thorough investigation of power sites the public domain outside of natural forests," for the purpose of obtaining from the next session of Congress legislation to prevent an improper use of them by combinations or trusts. At that time, the Secretary of the Interior expressly stated that he wished to take every precaution possible to prevent these sites being used monopo listically.

From what has been brought out so far, the Administration can not see that Mr. Ballinger had ever been guilty of an indiscretion in having acted as attorney for the coal claims in Alaska. Nothing has been brought to the attention of the President to show that the present Cabinet officer was guilty of evading any law either in its letter or in its spirit. Stands By Ballinger.

It is for these reasons that the President stands behind Ballinger.

The fact that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is supporting Forester Pinchat in his fight on Ballinger has re-While fighting against the fire, Postmaster John Black, Josiah H. Gray, and Wilfred White were injured by falling timbers.

Tobacco Factory Burned.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 12.—John N. Cabinet.

wiison and Finchot from public fire and the retaining of Ballinger in the Cabinet.

It has already been practically decided to dismiss or in some way get rid of Frederick H. Newell, director of the Reclamation Service, who comes under the general category of having gone further in his projects than a proper reading of the statutes provided.

It is not believed here that the crisis will come until after the President has made his tour of the Weste.n States.

The only thing which can force it earlier will be the constant attacks of Mr. Pinchot on the tactics of the Administration. The President prefers to study the subject at close range and to have every available fact in his possession before taking final action.

The fact which is the salient feature of the situation so far is that Pinchot and his friends are confronted with the task of bringing forward some mighty strong evidence before they can achieve the downfall of Ballinger.

Taft for Conservation.

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It cannot be stated too strongly that Mr. Taft is in favor of the Roosevelt policy of conservation of natural resources. He has said so in numerous speeches, and he has not changed his

speeches, and he has not changed his mind. But he is as insistent as is the Secretary of the Interior that the work must be carried on according to law, and that, if the laws are now insufficient, additional laws must be passed by Congress.

Mr. Pinchot's Spokane attack on the Taft-Ballinger methods is still one of the principal subjects of discussion here, and it is regretted by the friends of the President, because of the fear that it wil act temporarily to put this Administration in light of opposing the policy of conservation. As a matter of fact, it is said on excellent authority that Mr. Taft's message to Congress next winter will leave no doubt of the fact that he stands for a continuance of the Roose-

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